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The Texas Department of Transportation this week had crews inspecting Interstate 345, the controversial elevated highway that forms downtown Dallas' eastern edge. The state agency is trying to determine the extent of repairs needed on the aging highway. That will help TxDOT reach a final estimate on the cost of repairs. It plans to ask for as much as **\$242 million to repair the bridge** that connects four of the region's biggest highways. But the agency is also planning to look at the cost of **tearing the highway down** — something more and more people say is needed to spur development between downtown and Deep Ellum.

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